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SUBJECT: CHILEAN PRISONER EXCHANGE/SHADRIN

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, APPRECIATE YOUR PROBLEM WITH SHIFTING LIST OF CHILEAN PRISONERS. WE CANNOT, OF COURSE, URGE GOC NOT TO AMNESTY PRISONERS. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY CHILEAN AMBASSADOR THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE LIST IS FIRM AND THAT NO OTHER AMNESTY PROCEEDINGS ARE IN TRAIN. HOWEVER, THE CHILEANS HAVE NOT KEPT US INFORMED OF ALL THE LINES THEY HAVE OUT (E.G. THE MONTES DEAL) AND WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO ASSURE VOGEL CATEGORICALLY THAT THE EIGHT REMAINING

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PRISONERS ON THE LIST COULD ONLY BE RELEASED IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS EXCHANGE.

2. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN CABLE FROM COPENHAGEN REPORTING SAKHAROV COMMITTEES LATEST RELEASE ON THEIR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A SIMILAR EXCHANGE. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY CHILEANS THAT TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE THERE ARE NO NEGOTIATIONS IN

PROCESS ON THIS PROPOSAL AND SOVIETS HAVE EXPRESSED NO INTEREST. IF VOGEL INQUIRES ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE, YOU CAN TELL HIM THAT GOC IS FULLY ON BOARD ON OUR APPROACH AND THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF OUR LIST OF SOVIET PRISONERS WHICH

WOULD MEET THEIR NEEDS.

3. FYI. WE HAVE NOW APPROACHED URUGUAYANS ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF ADDING PRISONERS TO LIST AND EXPECT A REACTION BEFORE TOO LONG. END FYI.

4. ON SHADRIN, WE ARE CONSIDERING A DIRECT APPROACH TO SOVIETS ALONG LINES OF PARA 5, REFTTEL B. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SEE VOGEL BEFORE LONG, HOWEVER, REQUEST YOU GO AS FAR AS YOU CAN DOWN THIS ROAD. DEPENDING ON VOGEL'S RECEPTIVITY YOU MIGHT WANT TO START DISCUSSION BY NOTING NEW HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST, ASKING VOGEL'S PERSONAL ADVICE ON HOW TO PROCEED, AND THEN OUTLINE MESSAGE WE WANT TO GET ACROSS TO MOSCOW. CHRISTOPHER

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